JUST PEACE
SUNDAY
9.19.2021
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Grow Justice,
Know Peace
"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season..." Psalm 1:3 NRSV

A Litany for Just Peace Sunday 2021
"Grow Justice, Know Peace"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has abundantly set the life-giving stream of love for us.
All: May we be fruitful soil for growing justice and knowing peace.
One: Come, let us praise God who gives enough for all.
All: Let us sing songs of joy. Let us worship and work for peace!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God has sent the Word out among us, nourishing love and peace in our lives. And now the Word returns, as we bring to God hearts in need of reconciliation,
All: God of second chances, we have not lived lives that are at peace with our neighbor. We have not reached out with hands that share generously with those in need. We resist the essential water of your Spirit. We invite You to till the soil of our lives, to root out the places where we're stuck or fearful, so that we can become an abundant harvest for the coming of God's kin-dom. May the Word work through us; may the Word become us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God promises peace as the fruit of justice. God provides enough grace and love for you and for all.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

One: Creator God, plant your Word like a seed in our hearts. Let it grow in love, developing deep roots in our spirit. Let us watch as wisdom unfolds. Help us to listen to your still speaking voice so that we yield the fruit of kindness and help sustain the path of justice. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

One: We are called to offer ourselves to God's work of Just Peace- our time, our talents, and our money. God can grow an abundant harvest when we share what we have.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

One: Faithful God, you have kept your promises and sown seeds in our community. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to live without fear; to trust your love, and to serve as workers in the fields of your community. Amen.